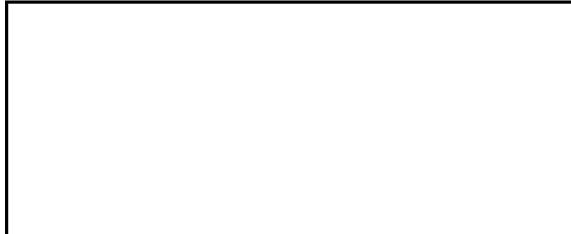


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In reply to your letter of inquiry, I realize how anxious you must be to learn of the progress of your application for appointment in the Foreign Service.

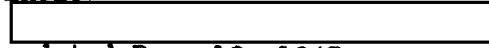
As you say, I can only give you advice on this matter as appointments in the Foreign Service are handled solely within the State Department. However, I have received information which indicates your papers are now in the Foreign Service Personnel Office, which would indicate that the investigative phase has been satisfactorily completed. The next thing will be the final selection by the Foreign Service Personnel officials. As Dr. Johnson told you, due to their backlog, I would think it may take several more weeks before you may hear of their definite action.

I hope that this letter may be of some encouragement and wish you my personal "good luck". With best wishes to your mother and yourself.

Sincerely,

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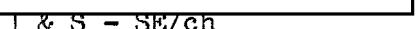
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